IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Marc Lamberton, et al.

Group Art Unit: 2614

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Examiner: Nguyen, Khai N.

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For:

Methods and Apparatus for Controlling Processing Entities, Such as Distributed

Signalling Gateways

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop: Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

The outstanding non-final Office Action mailed February 1, 2008 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that an extension of time is not required. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 08-2025.